

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD HELD JANUARY 7, 1976

The regular meeting of the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board was held in the County Council Room in the Tippecanoe County Court House on January 7th, 1976 at 9:00 a.m., with the following members present: Robert F. Fields, William Vanderveen, Bruce Osborn, Robert L. Martin, Fred Hoffman and Gladys Ridder.

Election of Officers

Upon motion of Bruce Osborn, seconded by William Vanderveen, Robert F. Fields was re-elected Chairman of the Board. Also by motion of Bruce Osborn, seconded by Robert Fields and made unanimous by William Vanderveen, William Vanderveen was re-elected Vice Chairman, Fred Hoffman was re-appointed Attorney and Gladys Ridder was re-appointed Executive Secretary.

Election of Officers

The minutes of the meeting of the 10th day of December, 1975 were read and upon motion of Robert Fields, seconded by William Vanderveen and made unanimous by Bruce Osborn were accepted as read.

Minutes Signed

John Fisher, Surveyor for the John E. Smith Enterprises, spoke to the Board showing the proposed plan to build an open ditch along side of the James N. Kirkpatrick ditch. It would be developed in phases, would not disturb the present tile of the James N. Kirkpatrick ditch but would serve to relieve the already overburdened Kirkpatrick drain. Mr. Fisher told the Board he would like a letter from them showing the Board's approval for the proposed handling of the run-off water to take to the Area Plan Commission when applying for preliminary approval of the Valley Forge Subdivision.

John Fisher and John E. Smith

Mr. Martin informed Mr. Fisher and Mr. Smith of the quick sand hazard that exists in the area. Both gentlemen said they were aware of the problems and had planned to handle the situation by using stone in the bottom of the open ditch. Mr. Martin suggested they take soil borings to locate those problem spots.

Mr. Osborn said he was also aware of some of the hazards of an open ditch such as proposed, namely mosquitoes, odors from stagnant water, problems with children falling into the open ditch, etc. Mr. Smith said that on his property there would be a fence for protection. He said the law made the property owner responsible for all of those things and the County should not be liable in any way.

The question of having to hold a hearing to inform all of the landowners in the watershed of Mr. Smith's plans, came up and Mr. Osborn referred the question to the county attorney. Mr. Hoffman said as long as Mr. Smith was not changing any part of the James N. Kirkpatrick legal drain there would be no need to hold a new hearing.

Mr. Fields opened the maintenance hearing of the Perry Davis ditch by asking the Surveyor to make his recommendations for this ditch. Mr. Martin said that since the secretary had sent out the notices for a hearing on the Davis ditch, he had learned from some of the landowners in the watershed, that the landowners along with the SCS office had made an open ditch that changed the legal ditch considerably. Mr. Martin also suggested that the Board table this hearing until he could study the work done by SCS and he would have the secretary schedule a new hearing.

9:30 a.m. Perry Davis Maintenance Hearing

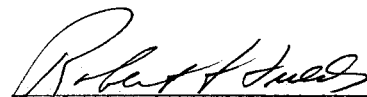
In 1958-9 the property owners created a Kirkpatrick Ditch Association and at the time Mr. Kenneth Kepler is the President. They collected their own monies and cleaned out the ditch whenever the ditch was in need.


Those in attendance were: Bruce Parker, Bill Runner, Phillip L. Birge, Don Barker, Don Perkins and Eldon Horney.

A petition having been filed in the Surveyor's office, was presented to the Board. The petition was to have a tile branch emptying into the Jacob Taylor ditch be made a part of the Jacob Taylor Legal drain. The Board moved to refer the petition to the Surveyor for study and recommendation.

Jacob Taylor Petition

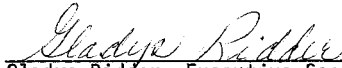
With business completed, the Board moved to adjourn.


Robert F. Fields, Chairman


William Vanderveen, Vice Chairman


Bruce Osborn, Board Member

ATTEST:


Gladys Ridder, Executive Secretary